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For TRANSGENIC PLANTS CONTAINING ALTERED LEVELS OF STEROID

December 31, 2001

## LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL) - FILING DATE GRANTED

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, SIR:

In response to the "Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) - Filing Date Granted," dated December 19, 2001 (as well as being responsive to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" dated October 29, 2001) enclosed are applicants' substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. A copy of each Notice is returned herewith.

Applicants believe this response to be timely filed, that is to say filed within two months of the Notice of October 29, 2001, and therefore believe no fee to be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

## Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 12/06/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 10/29/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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